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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV SECURITY CONCERNS OVER TITO TRIP TO
MEXICO, PANAMA AND VENEZUELA

1. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVE FROM JUSTICE
(GENERAL CRIMES DIVISION) RECEIVED YUGOSLAV EMBASSY OFFICER
AND TWO OFFICIALS FROM YUGOSLAV FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR
INTERNAL AFFAIRS (POLICE AND SECURITY SERVICES) MARCH 1 IN
CONNECTION WITH ASSURING GREATEST SECURITY PROTECTION POS-
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SIBLE FOR TITO DURING HIS VISIT TO MEXICO AND PANAMA --

YUGOSLAVS HAVE SINCE ADDED VENEZUELA TO ITINERARY. TRIP IS TO LAST APPROXIMATELY MARCH 10-17. THE MANY TERRORISTIC ACTIVITIES ON PART OF YUGOSLAV EMIGRES WORLDWIDE GIVE GOY VALID REASON FOR DEEP CONCERN. YUGOSLAV SECURITY OFFICIALS PROVIDED US WITH DETAILED INFORMATION ON EMIGRE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS BASED IN U.S. WHO COULD POSSIBLY BE PLANNING VIOLENCE AGAINST THE TITO PARTY. (MEMCON BEING POUCHED BELGRADE). YUGOSLAVS ASKED US TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN UNDER U.S. LAWS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON TRAVEL BY EMIGRES AND TO WARN YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT ASAP.

2. WE ASSURED YUGOSLAVS THAT THIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY ALERT TO SUSPICIOUS MOVEMENTS BY POTENTIAL TROUBLEMAKERS; ANY INFORMATION WE RECEIVED ABOUT POSSIBLE

THREATS TO TITO'S SECURITY WOULD COME TO STATE DEPARTMENT AND BE PASSED ON QUICKLY TO YUGOSLAVS. WE POINTED OUT THAT OUR OPEN BORDER WITH MEXICO AND LACK OF EMIGRATION FORMALITIES PUT THE BURDEN ON OFFICIALS OF MEXICO AND PANAMA TO CHECK VERY CAREFULLY IDENTITY DOCUMENTS OF ARRIVING TRAVELERS.

3. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ALSO SAID THAT YUGOSLAV SECURITY PEOPLE SHOULD FEEL FREE TO PASS ON ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THEY MAY DEVELOP REGARDING US-BASED EXTREMISTS IN COURSE OF LATIN AMERICA TRIP TO OUR EMBASSIES IN MEXICO CITY AND PANAMA. (NOW ADD CARACAS TO LIST.)

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WILL APPRECIATE INFORMATION WHICH ACTION ADDRESSEES MAY PICK UP ON TITO VISIT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED, PARTICULARLY ANY REPORTS OF TRAVEL ON PART OF YUGOSLAV EMIGRES. KISSINGER

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